

SUBJECT No. 177.

Reorganization of Amrit Mahal Department.

Mr. H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan taluk.

SUBJECT No. 178.

Telegraph connection to every taluk headquarter town.

Messrs. Venkataramanaiya, Nagamangala taluk, Gundappa, Magadi taluk, Dana Setti, Doddballapur taluk, H. Srikantiah, Doddballapur municipality, and T. Ramachandra Rao, Bangalore District Board.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Postal facilities.

(1) Mr. Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk and (2) Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur taluk.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Mahomedans in Judicial service.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Appointments to Mahomedans.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Equal representation of communities in Government service.

Mr. B. Basavaiya, Lingayat Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the Amrit Mahal Department may be reorganised and its resources fully utilised.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

Summary of discussion.—Railway connection with many of the taluk headquarters in this State is one of the best means for improving export and import trade. If the extension of railway is not possible for the present, every taluk headquarter may be given telegraphic connection at least. This will be of very great use to both the public and Government.

Reply of Government.—Under correspondence and consideration.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Only one village postman has, at present, to deliver letters in 100 villages within an area of 16 square miles. If the area be reduced to 8 square miles, considerable facility will be created to villagers and petty traders, in receiving their letters in time.

(2) The number of village postmen may be increased by meeting their pay from Local Funds.

Reply of Government.—Desirable. The Postal authorities will be addressed in the matter.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that qualified Mahomedans of the State be entertained in the Judicial service.

Reply of Government.—Government sympathise with the representation. Whatever is reasonable and proper will be done.

Summary of discussion.—The Government may be pleased to draw the attention of district authorities to the instructions issued by them in 1907 to encourage Mahomedans who know English and Kannada by giving them minor appointments, as qualified men are now available.

Reply of Government.—Government sympathise with the representation.

Summary of discussion.—A committee presided over by a high and respectable officer of Government unconnected with the executive like the Chief Judge of Mysore and having two other non-official members one of whom shall be a representative of the communities poorly represented in public service, may be appointed to enquire into the evil of disproportionate preponderance of particular communities in Government service, and to report on measures to be adopted for removing this crying evil.

Mr. B. Basavaiya.—Appointments based on relationship should be avoided.

Some preference to backward communities may be shown.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 183.

(1) Increase in the rate of cart-hire.

(2) Impressment of carts.

(1) and (2) Messrs. Amble Aniah Pandit and M. Venkatakrishnah, Mysore City Municipal Council and V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam taluk; and

(2) Mr. K. Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The present rate of cart hire per mile is 0-1-6 in maidan taluks and 0-3-0 in malnad taluks. This is very low. The rates should be raised to 0-2-0 and 0-4-0 respectively.

(2) The raiyats experience much trouble by their carts being impressed for public use. The practice of securing for public use carts that are moving in roads must be done away with and whenever carts are required they must be got through contractors.

Impressing carts for public purposes in a city like Bangalore is a great hardship on the poor raiyats that bring their carts to Bangalore. /

Reply of Government.—(1) Some change is desirable. Noted for consideration.

(2) Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Precautions against fabrication of false accounts by merchants.

Mr. N. Bhima Rao, Chitaldrug municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The merchants and the other money-lenders who rely on accounts may be ordered to keep them in books signed, sealed and numbered by some responsible Government official, so that there may be less room for fabrication of false accounts.

Once a decree is passed in a civil court on a false account, such false decrees are likely to be obtained every year. Some safeguard should be provided.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. Will be referred to the Industries and Commerce Committee.

SUBJECT No. 185.

Efficiency of district administration.

Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

Summary of discussion.—(a) The employment of graduates in the offices of Deputy Commissioners and their subordinates may be encouraged as it may reasonably be expected to promote efficiency.

(b) Vacancies in all grades (both officers and clerks) may be promptly filled up and the number of acting appointments minimised.

(c) Non-compliance with orders may be promptly met with swift and severe punishment.

Reply of Government.—(a) Under consideration.

(b) and (c).—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 186.

Sale of books in Government Book Depot.

Messrs. Syed Peer, Anjuman-i-Islamia, Chikmagalur and B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As much difficulty and delay is being experienced in procuring books from the Government Book Depot, it is prayed that orders may be issued for the prompt supply of books.

Reply of Government.—Government have recently sanctioned the printing of school books in private presses.